

TEXAS WOMAN EXONERATED BY MODEL CONVICT

Mrs. Billie Bell Soys Many Forgeries Made By Her

COLLEGEVILLE, Ark., Jan. 22.—(P)—Penitent Mrs. Billie Bell, 237-pound "perfect" prisoner at the state reformatory, accepted responsibility today for some two-score forgeries in offering aid to exonerate a Texas woman accused of the crimes.

Texas authorities convicted Mrs. Nell Harvey, Wichita Falls, of passing worthless checks at three cities. Scores of witnesses "positively identified" her as the person who passed checks at more than nine other cities. She spent six months in various jails.

J. Earl Kuntz, Mrs. Harvey's lawyer, noticed a picture of Mrs. Bell in a detective story magazine. It resembled that of his client. He traced the Arkansas prisoner and obtained from her a statement he said cleared the Wichita Falls woman.

Mrs. Helen D. McDonald, reformatory superintendent, confirmed the admission by the 29-year-old Mrs. Bell and reported the prisoner expressed willingness to return to Texas.

Advised of Mrs. Harvey's conviction, officials said Mrs. Bell wrote the Wichita Falls woman that she was "very sorry to have brought such trouble upon an innocent woman."

"If I'd dreamed such a thing would happen," she added, "I'd have voluntarily pleaded guilty. There is nothing I can do to make amends for your suffering except to clear things up for you. I wish you every success and hope that nothing like this ever happens again in your life."

Mrs. Bell is serving a one-year forgery sentence and her husband a four-year term on similar accusations. They were arrested at Beaumont, Tex., their home, last October and convicted at Fort Smith.

Mrs. McDonald said Mrs. Bell likely would be returned to Texas to face the check charges. She will be eligible for parole next month after serving a third of her sentence.

"She is a splendid prisoner, always jolly," reported the reformatory superintendent.

POPE PIUS PRAYS FOR PREDECESSOR

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 22.—(P)—Pope Pius XI, himself dangerously ill, recited special prayers from his sick-bed today in memory of his predecessor, Benedict XV, who died just 15 years ago.

Mass was said simultaneously in the private chapel, adjoining the sick room, for the man who made Pius both archbishop and cardinal.

Dr. Amintore Milani, the pontiff's chief physician, made a prolonged examination of the holy father's condition after he was officially reported to have passed a bad night.

Dr. Milani remained in the papal apartments throughout the night, well informed Vatican sources said, and visited the Pope frequently.

Excruciating pain in his left leg, these sources said, interspersed with periods of semi-suffocation, kept his doctors and nurses constantly vigilant.

When the papal flags on buildings in Vatican City were half-masted during the morning, a wave of anxious fear the Pope had died swept over the city.

The populace was quickly reassured, however, with the news it was in memory of the anniversary of Benedict's death.

Was "Health Wreck" Before The Gly-Cas
Mr. Thomas Was Unable To Find Relief In Anything Until Gly-Cas; Even Hospital Treatments Failed; Then New Herbal Remedy Conquered Stomach, Kidney Disorders; Rheumatism Gone.

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MR. J. N. THOMAS

elimination, could hardly eat anything but what soured on my stomach and my kidneys were in a terrible condition. My sleep and rest was broken from frequent night rising. I became nervous and lacked the energy to do my work. Severe attacks of rheumatism in my limbs and continual aches and pains almost got the best of me at times. All this constant misery over my system had made me a 'health wreck' and in spite of all I tried I could get no better. I even spent nine months in a hospital but obtained little if any relief—until I finally was persuaded to try Gly-Cas—it went right to the source of my health troubles.

"Constipation that had been with me so long has now disappeared entirely," he continued. "All my foods now digest properly without fear of former suffering. Even my kidneys are regulated, backaches gone, and that dreadful stiffness and soreness of rheumatism has left entirely. It is wonderful to be able to sleep so soundly again, feel so good and be able to enjoy life as others in good health. Gly-Cas is truly a medicine whose merit cannot be doubted—it gives results when all else fails."

Gly-Cas is sold by Phoenix Drug Company, 348 DeSard street, and by all leading drug stores in surrounding towns. (Adv.)

FARLEY ACCEPTS QUEENIE AS DEMOCRATIC MASCOT



Queenie is shown at Washington with her new master, Chairman James A. Farley, after she became mascot of the Democratic party. Left to right are: Lieut. Gov. J. B. Snider of Mississippi, who used the donkey to pay off a bet that his state would poll more Democratic votes than South Carolina; Chairman Farley; Governor Hugh A. White of Mississippi, and Lieut. Gov. J. E. Harley of South Carolina, who presented Queenie to Farley after winning the bet. (Associated Press Photo)

AT LOCAL THEATERS

AT THE PARAMOUNT—The wisdom of the children shall be visited upon the father, even to his great consternation. That, to twist the tail of a memorable quotation, is the theme of Universal's comedy drama, "Three Smart Girls," which plays at the Paramount theater today. Three daughters, learning that their millionaire father is about to slip into the matrimonial net of a fortune hunting international beauty, hasten to save their parent from a foolish entanglement.

The girls use desperate remedies to correct the situation and the unexpected results are highly amusing. They employ a foreign nobleman to win the money seeking beauty away from their father. One of the girls disappears in order to delay the wedding ceremony and finally the sweetheart of another sister tricks the gold-grabbing dandy into boarding a steamer for Europe.

The fun is swift, the dialog brightly written and the action merrily paced, declare advance Hollywood reports. Deanna Durbin, the new radio discovery with the lovely soprano voice,

makes her screen debut in "Three Smart Girls." Leading roles are played by Binnie Barnes, Alice Brady, Ray Milland and Charles Winninger, remembered for his role of Captain Andy in "Show Boat."

Deanna Durbin sings three songs in "Three Smart Girls." The numbers are the classic "Il Bacio," "My Heart Is Singing" and "Someone to Care for Me." Henry Koster directed the film from the screen play by Adele Comandini and Austin Parker.

AT THE CAPITOL—Balancing the drama and the romance of modern commercial flying in a uniquely plotted story, RKO Radio's "Without Orders" brings to the Capitol screen an absorbing tale of the men who pilot today's airliners.

The theme revolves around the responsibility of the pilots to their passengers, and emphasizes the "safety first" policy that is becoming para-

mount among modern air transport companies. This theme is graphically worked out in the contrast between the lives of Robert Armstrong and Vinton Haworth, who, as a commercial pilot and a "stunt flier" respectively, clash both in their views of flying and in their rivalry for Sally Eilers, who portrays a stewardess on Armstrong's plane.

Trouble starts when Haworth is assigned as Armstrong's co-pilot. The rivalry turns into something more serious when Haworth's cowardice becomes evident and his actions imperil the lives of his passengers. This leads to an exciting climax when Haworth, lost in a storm and fearing disaster, callously "bails out" in a parachute, leaving the plane and its human cargo to their fate.

Frances Sage and Charley Grapewin are co-featured and the supporting cast includes Frank M. Thomas, Arthur Loft, Ward Bond and Walter Miller. Lew Landers directed the Cliff Reid production, with J. Robert Brun and Edmund L. Hartmann writing the screen play from the story by Peter B. Kyne.

There are 1,100 kinds of animals and insects in the world, with thousands of varieties of each, it is estimated.

MITCHELL GETS NEW REPRIEVE

Acting Governor In Mississippi Stays Execution To April 15

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 22.—(P)—William Clark Mitchell, 54-year-old white man sentenced to die for the slaying of a negro, had a third new lease on life today.

With conflicting reports as to Mitchell's sanity before him, Acting Governor John H. Cukin stayed the former army cook's execution until April 15.

Governor Hugh White had refused, before he left for Washington, to grant Mitchell a third reprieve after hearing state psychiatrists declare him sane.

Cukin, however, stayed Mitchell's execution, scheduled for February 11 at Coffeeville, after hearing Dr. H. C. Sheffield, Jackson psychiatrist, testify at a hearing last night that he was of the opinion Mitchell was mentally deficient.

The acting chief executive declared the "new evidence" presented at the hearing, called at the instance of veteran's organizations, created an "element of doubt" as to Mitchell's sanity "which may require additional investigation."

Dr. Sheffield said, as jail physician of Hinds county, he had observed Mitchell for more than a year and had come to the definite opinion the man was "abnormal," having the mind of a seven-year-old child.

Mitchell was sentenced to hang upon conviction of murdering two negroes, Lewis Bryant and his son, Coot Bryant. The state charged Mitchell beat them to insensibility in a robbery attempt, soaked their bodies in kerosene and left them to die in their flaming cabin.

There is a record of only one white man ever being executed for killing a negro in Mississippi.

The night hawk migrates the greatest distance of all the land birds—from Yukon to Argentina, 7,000 miles away.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Central Savings Bank & Trust Company of Monroe, Louisiana, will be held at 3:00 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, January 26, 1937, at the office of the Bank, for the purpose of electing a new Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Signed:
J. M. BREARD,
Vice-President & Cashier

12 CENTS TERMED LOW FOR COTTON

BATON ROUGE, Jan. 22.—(P)—Cotton growers cannot achieve income parity with fellow farmers with 12-cent cotton, L. W. Duggan, assistant director of the AAA, told more than 100 parish and home demonstration agents at Louisiana State university.

Duggan pointed out "cooperation by farmers in diverting acreage" had resulted in a price of about 12 cents

a pound for cotton in the last four years.

"Twelve cents for cotton, however, even with normal production, will not bring income parity to the producer because 12 cents is only three-fourths of parity," he said.

"It is therefore important for producers to consider the price, and the supply and demand situation, before determining their 1937 acreage."

The AAA official asserted land in the cotton producing regions is only 74 per cent as productive as the country's average soil. Although 34 per cent of the nation's farm population

lives in this area, they receive only 21 per cent of the national farm income, he said.

The world carry-over of cotton, now about 6,000,000 bales, will be about 7,200,000 bales by August 1, 1937, Duggan told the agents.

On a balance scale, only four weights are necessary to weigh any number of whole pounds from one to 40.

The Tartars, several centuries ago, often ate hooks in an attempt to acquire the knowledge in them.



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